Welcome to a Green Toronto

We are proud to present the first ever green map of our city. We hope it will guide you to explore and enjoy the growing number of green options our urban centre has to offer.
Green Tourism Association

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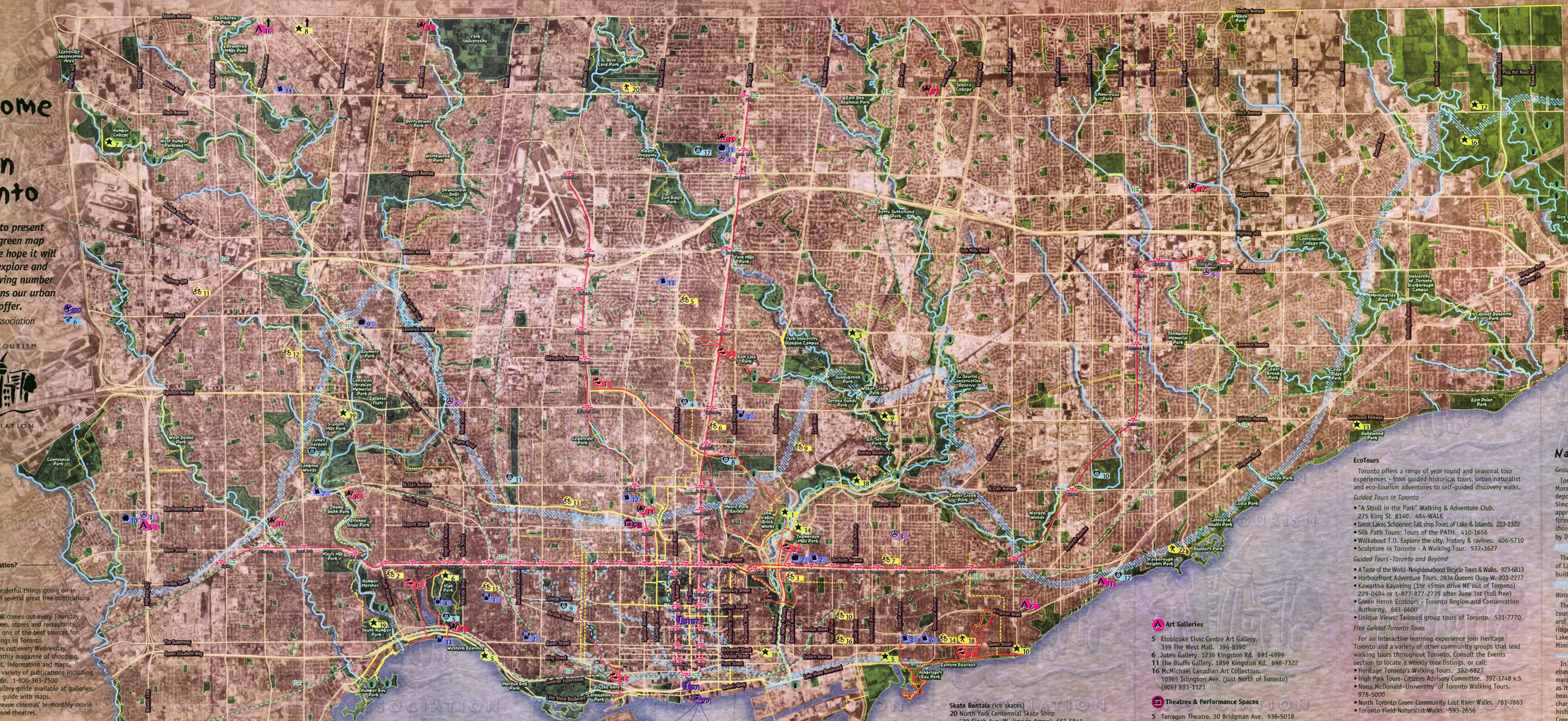
THE other MAP OF TORONTO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The Green Tourism Association, a non-profit organization working to develop and cultivate a green tourism industry in the Toronto region; one that is ecologically sound, fosters appreciation of and respect for diverse cultural and natural heritage, and strengthens local economies and communities.

Our first order of business is to get the word out. By promoting urban green tourism activities, businesses, and organizations, this map links the urban tourism industry to the ecological and economic health of our city.

Of course, a map is simply not enough, there is a much larger story to tell and more information to share. Visit our web site for updates on the upcoming launch of our interactive web-based map and Millennium Fun Pack.

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THE other MAP OF TORONTO

This is not your regular tourist map

It was designed to help you discover the true nature of Toronto. Use it as your companion to give you quick access to the greener side of the big city. Tour the parks, shop at the green businesses, stroll from gallery to historic site. Learn about the fascinating and rich heritage of this beautiful city. Eat an organic lunch. Take an afternoon and join in on a Don River tree planting or follow the meandering course of the Humber River and all its parks. Tour our diverse multi-cultural neighbourhoods or bike along the Waterfront Trail and picnic by the lake or on one of Toronto's Islands. Top it off with an evening of theatre or dance downtown. We invite you to create your own route into the OTHER side of Toronto.

By being a green tourist, not only are you having fun, you're also fighting smog locally and climate change globally; you're protecting and preserving Toronto's land and water; and you're supporting local businesses and local culture at the same time! You're a part of a growing community of people around the world who are treading lightly in the city.

Each year Toronto welcomes about 21 million visitors to our safe and friendly city. Added to our own population of 2.1 million, that's a lot of people and could mean a lot of impact! It's clear that every green action helps.

Thank you for being a green tourist!

Green Maps Around the World

Maps are powerful tools. This map is part of a growing network of Green Maps around the world (currently there are 94 in the making and 21 maps completed in different urban centres). The Green Map System (see web) recognizes that a Green Map can be a tool for sustainable living. It draws attention to places of environmental, ecological and social significance. Each locally-made Green Map is independently produced by people in that city. These maps help their users to make more informed and responsible decisions in our urban environment. This map is unique among Green Maps - it is the first to have a tourism focus. We hope that people will use a Green Map, not just in Toronto, but in other urban centres. What better way to get the scoop on the green options your destination offers!

Please visit the Green Map website to learn more about the Green Map System and find out about the other mapping projects across the globe.

www.greenmap.org

GREEN MAP SYSTEM

Using the OTHER Map of Toronto

As you can see there are two sides to this map: this side - the downtown area, and the other side - the entire new amalgamated City of Toronto.

We have included a lot of information. Some of it is for your interest, like the Natural History of Toronto and tips on Being a Green Tourist. Some refers you to other sources, because we couldn't possibly cover everything you wanted to know about green tourism on one map. And, of course, there are the listings that relate to the map icons.

To help you read this map more easily - and to save you from flipping from one side to the other - we have included many of the descriptions for the categories on both sides of the map.

Each category is numbered separately. We numbered all of the listings alphabetically within each category and then put the listings on the side of the map where the icon appears. If you see jumps in numbers - you know there are more features on the other side!

Evolution of the OTHER Map.

Making a green tourism map of Toronto -- especially the first one ever - involves asking questions. For a start "What is green -- and what is NOT?" If you're like us, this question is good for a few hours, or years, of heated conversation. But we didn't have years. There are so many great things out there to share and celebrate NOW that we didn't want another moment's delay.

For now our GREEN includes environmental responsibility, supporting local economic vitality, appreciating cultural diversity and providing experiential richness. This map celebrates not only those businesses and organizations dedicated to doing great green things, but also those who are committed to taking the next green step.

Based on returned Map Application Forms from our outreach to over 1000 businesses and organizations, we selected what we thought would be most interesting and useful to you - a green tourist. While this map does not by any means intend to be exhaustive, we do hope that it tells a story of an "other" "greener" way of seeing and exploring our city.

Having made every effort to provide accurate and reliable information, the Green Tourism Association cannot be held responsible for any changes or misrepresentations.

Being a Green Tourist....

Green Tourism isn't just about green things to see and do. It's also about the choices you make while seeing and doing. You are probably already a green tourist if you do anything or everything on our "going green" list:

- **Walk, bike, blade or take the TTC.** Transportation emissions have a serious negative impact on our environment - globally and in our city. Fortunately, in Toronto you have lots of clean, green, fun options for getting around. Walk, rent a bike or in-line skates, or treat yourself to a ride on one of North America's cleanest, safest, quickest transit systems. And if you drove here, why not avoid the hassle, park your car, and move lightly on the city.
- **Support green businesses.** Help our local green economy grow. Visit locations listed on the map.
- **Keep our city beautiful.** Join us in reducing pollutants. Make the right choice when it comes to: transportation, packaging, recycling, energy, water and waste.
- **Play safe.** Know the rules of the road. Practice trail safety.
- **Learn about Toronto's fascinating heritage.** Visit a museum or take a multi-cultural community tour (see the EcoTour section).
- **Explore the wild side of Toronto.** Enjoy urban green space and outdoor activities. Minimize your impact - stay on marked trails. Widening trails by walking to either side increases your impact and affects the ecology of the area.
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Compost.** Bring your own mug! Ask for recycling facilities. Don't litter.
- **Get involved.** Join a community event, support a green organization, plant a tree... (look under Resource Groups)
- **Be a tourist-friendly resident.** If you live in Toronto and see someone else with this map, thank them for being a green tourist! And lend a hand to visitors to our city.

If you're done with this map ... pass it on!

Need more Information?

Visitor Information Sites

There's a wealth of tourism and recreational information and assistance awaiting you at the following locations:

1 "Info T.O." Metro Convention Centre. 869-1372
2 Ontario Travel Info Centre-Toronto Eaton Centre. 1-800 ONTARIO
3 Tourism Toronto. Queen's Quay Terminal, Suite 590. 203-2500 or 1-800-363-2500
4 Travellers Aid Society: Toronto Coach Terminal. 610 Bay St. 596-8647
5 Travellers Aid Society: Union Station. 65 Front St. W. 366-7788
7 University of Toronto-Nona MacDonald Visitors Information Centre. 25 King's College Circle. 978-5000
8 Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area. NW corner of Yonge St. & Bloor St. W.
9 Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area. SW corner of Avenue Rd. & Bloor St. W.

Tourism Toronto

Civic Centres: Information and Activities

There are 7 Civic Centres in Toronto, all of which host a variety of events throughout the year ranging from city-wide festivals to community-based displays and shows, farmers' markets, concerts, films, ice-skating and more. All Centres have information desks open Monday to Friday.

2 City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square. 100 Queen St. W. 395-7350
7 Metro Hall and Square. 55 John St. 392-4628

For more information call Access Toronto at 338-0338

Libraries/Archives

Toronto's Public Libraries offer great books and great services. Many of them allow you to connect to the Internet for free. Just call Answerline 393-7131 to find the library nearest you. Answerline's Hours: M-Th 10-8, Fri & Sat 10-5 and Sun 1:30-5.

1 Archives of Ontario. 77 Grenville St., Suite 300. 327-1600
2 Toronto Archives. 100 Queen St. W. 392-9111
3 Metro Toronto Reference Library. 789 Yonge St. 393-7131

Resource Groups

There are many active environmental and community based resource groups in the Toronto area, more than we can possibly list on this map. The following is a list of organizations that are interested in urban green tourism activities, and would welcome your inquiry and support. If you'd like to find other contacts and resources, these organizations can probably help you to connect further.

- Action to Restore a Clean Humber (ARCH). 21 Taysham Cres. 741-5346
- Bloor West EcoVillage. 769-4344
- Bring Back the Don. Metro Hall 23rd fl. 392-0401
- Canadian Environmental Defence Fund. 323-9521
- Citizens Environment Watch (CEW). 2 Sussex Ave. 978-4144
- Conservation Lands of Ontario. 1-888-376-2212
- Festive Earth Society. 68 Broadview Ave. Suite 201. 469-2977
- First Night Toronto. 56 The Esplanade, Suite.305. 362-3692
- Gerrard India Bazaar BIA. b/w Coxwell & Greenwood on Gerrard St. 463-6611
- Greenpeace Canada. 250 Dundas St. W., Ste. 605. 597-8408
- Hotel Employees, Restaurant Employees (HERE) International Union-Local 75. 229 Yonge St., Suite 502. 216-0875
- Knives & Forks: Advocates for Organic Agriculture. 422-1944
- North Toronto Green Community. 57 Douglas Ave. 488-7263
- Parkdale Intercultural Association. 536-4420
- Riverdale Community Business Centre. 742 Queen St. E. 462-0496
- Roncesvalles Village BIA. 347 Roncesvalles Ave.
- Rooftop Gardens Resource Group. 14 Sackville Pl. 923-9034
- Second Harvest: Same-day perishable food recovery program. 408-2594
- South Riverdale Community Health Centre 955 Queen St. E. 461-1925
- St. Christopher House: Social Services. 588 Queen St. W. 504-4275
- The Broken Fence Society: Environmental Artists Collective 68 Broadview Ave., Suite. 413. 469-0153
- The Evergreen Foundation. 355 Adelaide St. W., Suite 5A. 596-1495
- The Green Environmental Group Inc. 164 Cortleigh Blvd. 487-4767
- The Green Workplace, Ontario Realty Corp. 777 Bay St., 15th Fl. 585-7567
- The Multiracial Network for Environmental Justice (MNEJ) 1076 Bathurst St., Suite 204. 760-2120
- Toronto Atmospheric Fund. 500 University Ave. 9th Fl. 392-1217
- Toronto Environmental Alliance. 30 Duncan St., 2nd Fl. 596-0660
- Annex Organics. 363-6441 x.5
- Toronto Region Conservation Authority. 5 Shoreham Dr. 661-6600
- Waterfront Regeneration Trust. 943-8080

Hubs of Activity

Community Economic and Commercial Developments

761 Queen Street W. 703-5459
761 C.E.D. Corporation
Inspirations: Women's Entrepreneurial Initiative. 703-5459 x.16
Rworks RenoSource: Building Materials. 703-5459 x.15
The Intersection
Community Bicycle Network. 504-2918
Song Cycles: World's only Choir on Bikes. 504-2918
Detour Publications, & Transportation Options: Resources on sustainable transportation and urban ecology. Suite 101. 504-3934
401 Richmond Ltd. - 401 Richmond St. W. 595-5900
This converted century-old industrial building houses a number of environmental groups and artists' studios: including the Wildlands League. Suite 380. 971-9453
Foodshare - 238 Queen St. W.
This office is home to several environmental and social justice organizations Like:
Greenest City. 977-7626
Foodshare - Field to Table. 200 Eastern Ave. 363-6441
This warehouse is home to a number of food and food security related businesses.
Toronto Organics. 920 Eastern Avenue. 466-3364

Recycling and Public Works Information

Recycling Council of Ontario. 960-1025
For information on municipal recycling, other public works facilities and group tours call Toronto Public Works. 392-9652.

The Green Places to Be...

Green Space & Parklands

The green spaces on this map indicate public parkland, ravines, gardens, university lands and/or golf courses. They also include significant privately-owned lands that are open at times to the public.

For more information, call the Toronto Parks & Recreation Hotline. Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30 at 392-1111.

Rivers & Creeks

Historic Waterways

Approximate **Old Shoreline** before lake in-filling.

Environmental Visits

As a green tourist, you may be interested in learning more about our local environment and our commitment to its preservation and protection. You may even want to get involved!

These sites are our top picks. Make it a whole day outing or combine the visit with other green tourism activities.

Many sites have special exhibits or activities for children.

2 **Ecology Centre** - Where the environment meets art and community. 244 Gerrard St. E. 413-1393
4 **Harbourfront Centre** - Canada's foremost centre for contemporary culture. Entertaining and educational events, exhibits and activities right by the lake! Indoor and outdoor events all year. 235 Queens Quay W. 973-3000
11 **Riverdale Farm** - A 20th Century urban barnyard, isolated from the city by surrounding greenspace. 201 Winchester St. 392-6794
17 **Toronto Islands** - Discover the Toronto Islands! A car free archipelago of 15 small islands full of parkland, easily accessible by a 15 minute ferry ride from downtown. Learn the history of the small residential community. Enjoy trails, walks, cultural events, rides, beaches, biking or blading, boating, picnics and more. 392-8186

Special Gardens

Explore the beauty! Toronto has a growing number of special gardens, including community and allotment gardens, formal garden parks, heritage gardens, and beautifully maintained cemetery gardens-some of which are listed here.

1 Alex Wilson Community Garden. 552 Richmond St. W.
2 Artists' Gardens. Harbourfront Centre. 235 Queens Quay W. 973-3000
3 Allan Gardens & Conservatory. Sherbourne and Carlton St. 392-7288
6 Huron Street Community Garden. 239 College St.

13 St. James Gardens. 65 Church St. (E. of Cathedral) 392-8186
14 Toronto Music Garden. Queens Quay W. (west of Spadina Ave.) 392-8186
15 Toronto Necropolis & Crematorium 200 Winchester St. 485-9129
16 Xeriscape Demonstration Garden - Queen's Park. Grosvenor St. & Queen's Park Cres. 585-7567

Landmark Attractions

Ask anyone and they'll point you in the right direction towards one of these Toronto landmarks.

1 Air Canada Centre. 40 Bay St. 815-5500
2 Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) 317 Dundas St. W. 979-6648
3 CN Tower. 301 Front St. W. 868-6937
4 Eaton Centre. 220 Yonge St. 598-8700
5 Exhibition Place. Lakeshore at Strachan Ave. 393-6000
6 Ontario Place. 955 Lake Shore Blvd. W. 314-9900
7 Sky Dome. 1 Blue Jays Way. 341-3663

Getting Around

Public Transportation

Toronto Transit Commission - streetcar, bus & subway connections. 393-4636
GO Transit - Greater Toronto Area local commuter train and bus service. 869-3200

WheelTrans - Accessible transportation for visitors using a wheelchair or scooter. Call a day in advance of your visit to get a two week pass. The service is the same price as TTC fare. An escort may ride with you. Call 393-4222.

Bike Routes

Separate On-street Bike Lanes
Signed On-Street Bike Lanes
Off-street Bike Lanes

Bike Sites

Bike Rentals & Repairs

1 Bathurst Cycle. 913 Bathurst St. 533-7510
2 Europe Bound. 49 Front St. E. 601-0854
8 Wheel Excitement. 5 Rees St. 260-9000

Bike Repair Locations

17 Urbane Cyclist. 180 John St. 979-9733

Recreational Transportation Rentals

Blade Rentals (in-line skates)

20 Wheel Excitement. 5 Rees St. 260-9000
19 Wheel Excitement (summer only). The Docks Entertainment Complex (Golf Driving range entrance). 260-9000

Skate Rentals (ice skates)

21 Nathan Phillips Square (winter only). 368-8802

Boat Rentals Only (sailboat, canoe, kayak)

23 Harbourfront Canoe & Kayak School. 283A Queens Quay W. 203-2277
24 Queen's Quay Yachting. 275 Queen's Quay W. 203-3000
25 Toronto Islands - Centre Island 206-6315

Bike, Boat, Ski and/or Camping Equipment Rentals

4 Europe Bound. 49 Front St. E. 601-0854
26 Europe Bound. 383 King St. W. 205-9992
23 Harbourfront Adventure Tours. 283A Queens Quay W. 203-2277
27 Mountain Equipment Co-op. 400 King St. W. 340-2667
28 Trailhead. 61 Front St. E. 862-0881

General Transportation

Ferry

29 Toronto Island Ferry. 9 Queens Quay W. 392-8193

Train

30 VIA Rail. 65 Front St. W. (Union Station). 366-8411

Bus

31 Greyhound. 610 Bay St. 367-8747
32 Trentway-Wagar. 610 Bay St. 393-7911

Car Sharing

33 Allo Stop. 5 Yorkville Ave. 975-9305
34 AutoShare. 24 Mercer St. 340-7888

Airports

35 City Centre Airport. Toronto Islands, Hanlan's Point. 203-6942

Stuff to Do, See and Buy

Communities

Toronto is famous for its rich variety of multi-cultural communities and neighbourhood pockets. Over 40 of these distinct communities have their own special colourful street signs that denote the area. We have marked some of these on the map along with other significant communities.

If you are interested in more details about Toronto's diverse communities, check the Resource Groups section. Another great source of information on ethnic communities and organizations is Community Information Toronto 397-4636.

Museums & Heritage Sites

Toronto has a rich history and a corresponding wealth of heritage museums, groups and current restoration projects. The following is a list of sites and groups that support green tourism.

International Collections:

1 Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). 100 Queen's Park. 586-8000
2 The Museum for Textiles. 55 Centre Ave. 599-5321

Local Heritage Sites & Historical Museums

5 Gibraltar Point Lighthouse. Hanlan's Point. 392-8186
6 Historic Fort York. 100 Garrison Rd. 392-6907
9 Mackenzie House. 82 Bond St. 392-6915
10 Market Gallery. 95 Front St. E. 2nd floor. 392-7604
13 Sir William Campbell House. 160 Queen St. W. 597-0227
16 The Pier: Toronto's Waterfront Museum. 245 Queen's Quay W. 338-7437
17 Toronto's First Post Office. 260 Adelaide St. E. 865-1833

Art Galleries

Toronto loves art and is home to many wonderful galleries carrying works by both Canadian and international artists. Make sure you also enjoy what is beyond the Gallery District bordered by Dundas, Front, University and Niagara streets. For complete gallery and exhibit listings, pick up a copy of NOW, Stride or Slate magazines. We know the following galleries support green tourism:

1 Armen Art Gallery. 16 Wellesley St. W. 924-5375
2 Art Metropole. 788 King St. W. 703-4400
3 Artword Theatre & Gallery. 75 Portland St. 408-1146
4 Design Exchange. 234 Bay St. 216-2160
7 O'Connor - A Gallery. 97 Maitland St. 921-7149
8 Pari Nadimi Gallery. 179 John St. 591-6464
9 Stephen Bulger Gallery. 700 Queen St. W. 504-0575
10 The Arctic Bear. 125 Yorkville Ave. 967-7885
12 The Isaacs/Innuit Gallery. 9 Prince Arthur Ave. 921-9985
13 The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery. 231 Queen's Quay W. 973-4949
14 The Robert Mede Gallery. 321 Davenport Rd. 966-9362
15 Toronto Archives. 255 Spadina Rd. 397-5000

Theatres & Performance Spaces

There are over 70 theatre venues in Toronto! For a complete listing of performances call the Toronto Theatre Alliance at 536-6468 or check out NOW Magazine (theatre, dance, comedy and music) for information on what's playing where when you're in town. T.O. Tix has half price tickets available - call 596-8220 or visit them on the Mews level in the Eaton Centre. A * indicates theatres that offer behind the scenes tours - call 363-5353. We know the theatres listed here support green tourism:

1 Buddies in Bad Times Theatre. 12 Alexander St. 975-9130
2 *Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre and Centre. 189 Yonge St. 314-2874
3 Massey Hall. 178 Victoria St. 593-4822
4 *Roy Thomson Hall. 60 Simcoe St. 593-4822

Toronto also loves outdoor theatre - check NOW Magazine for plays in parks and a range of other outdoor venues.

6 Queere Shakespeare in the Park- Twelfth Night. Cawthra Square Park. 960-9788

Shopping

Looking for green retailers, boutiques and services?

1 **Grassroots Environmental Products** - Toronto's green general stores providing you with the choices you need to live a healthy, earth-friendly life. 408 Bloor St. W. 944-1993

Boutiques

4 EZA Wear. 2560 Augusta Ave. 975-1388
5 Gwendolyne Hats. 401 Richmond St. W. #433. 351-1219
8 Prezents of Mind. 761 Queen St. W. 703-8417
9 Shattered. 880 Queen St. W. 537-9103
11 Careful Hand Laundry & Dry Cleaners Ltd. 195 Davenport Rd. 932-1200

Restaurants & Cafes

Hungry? Visit a restaurant or cafe that offers vegetarian or organic food (though not necessarily exclusively!). For more suggestions contact the Vegetarian Association at 533-3897 or the Lifestyle Approved Award Guide at 395-7700.

5 Iroquois Restaurant. Centre Island. 203-8795
6 Island Paradise Restaurant. Centre Island. 203-0245
7 Juice for Life. 521 Bloor St. W. 537-4573
8 Juice for Life. 336 Queen St. W. 599-4442
9 Le Commensal Fine Vegetarian Cuisine. 655 Bay St. 596-9364
10 Lotus Garden Vegetarian Restaurant. 393 Dundas St. W., Unit G. 598-1883
11 OK Health Vegetarian Restaurant Ltd. 256 Augusta Ave. 972-6615
12 Pita Break. 656 Yonge St. 968-1032

Organic Produce & Natural Foods

The following stores sell a variety of organic produce, bulk grains and grocery products.

1 Baldwin Natural Foods. 20 Baldwin St. 979-1777
3 Karma Food Co-op. 739 Palmerston Ave. 534-1470
4 Super Sprouts. 197 Spadina Ave. 977-7796
5 Vital Planet Health Shop. 92 Front St. East 366-4353

Year Round Markets:

6 St. Lawrence Market - Indoor stalls and stores selling fresh foods, produce and many other useful items. Open Tues - Sat. Farmers' market open Saturdays only. 92 Front St. E. 392-7120
7 Kensington Market - A variety of colourful cafes, food and clothing stores, indoors and out. Most are open 7 days a week. W. of Spadina, N. of Dundas St. W.

Summer Only Farmers' Markets: Call for exact dates.

8 The Organic Farmers' Market (Sat. 8-2), Markham St. at Bloor St. 422-1944

See Civic Centre section for more information on this market:

12 Nathan Phillips Square. (